



CLOSING REMARKS

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AT THE

**CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS OF PARASTATALS RECENTLY
INAUGURATED UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION**

THE TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL, MAITAMA, ABUJA

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CLOSING REMARKS BY THE PERMANENT SECRETARY, GENERAL SERVICES OFFICE, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION, BARR. OLUSEGUN ADEYEMI ADEKUNLE, AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNING BOARDS OF FEDERAL PARASTATALS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION, HELD AT TRANSCORP HILTON HOTEL, ABUJA ON SATURDAY, 28TH JULY, 2018.

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I feel honoured to be with you this afternoon at this closing ceremony of the Induction Programme for Governing Boards of Federal Parastatals under the supervision of the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, which started two days ago. It is hoped that the experience has been worthwhile and it would be found useful and beneficial in the course of carrying out your responsibilities. Having also participated in a number of discussions, the programme can objectively and genuinely be adjudged to have been successful.

2. The decision to organise this first ever induction programme, stems primarily from the recognition of the critical roles that you have been appointed to perform in order to enhance the capacities of the respective organisations you represent, in fulfilling their various mandates. Your optimal performance in this regard is unique and invaluable.

3. As increasing demands are being made on the Public Service for efficient service delivery, Parastatals, Agencies and Commissions, who by their establishment are created to provide specified services, are also being called upon to re-examine their modus operandi, to improve the delivery of service to the public.

4. Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, this programme has essentially focused on your respective roles and responsibilities as Chairmen and Members of Governing Boards, to pave the way for your smooth transition to meet the demands of your respective appointments. I am, therefore, assured that you have added to your repertoire, bountiful amounts of knowledge in relevant subject areas to enable you to perform better and the strategic boundaries within which to operate. You definitely have good reason to return to your various Parastatals, Agencies and Commissions and deploy the knowledge acquired in the course of this programme to promote good corporate practices in your respective organizations.

5. Chairmen, distinguished Board members, ladies and gentlemen, public expectations of an improved service delivery system keep increasing, even as the present Administration demands openness and transparency in the decision-making process. As top government functionaries, it is our duty to meet these expectations and render efficient service to our people, to justify the confidence and trust reposed in you by your appointments.

6. It is the usual practice for those who attend programmes organized by my Office to fill evaluation questionnaire at the end of their programme. I understand that you have also done this and used this medium to offer

suggestions for an improved and professional Federal Public Service. Let me undertake on behalf of my Office that your comments will be assessed and valid suggestions put forward would be internalised.

7. Chairmen, distinguished Board members, ladies and gentlemen, we have availed ourselves of the expertise of both serving and retired top government functionaries, through their various paper presentations on a variety of cogent topics on corporate governance. I would like to thank all of them for their valuable papers and for sharing with us their wealth of experience.

8. Finally, I would like to thank all of you here for making this induction programme a success through your valuable contributions and active participation at the breakout sessions. It is important for me to acknowledge the contributions of various committed and diligent staff that have worked largely behind the scene to make this programme the success it has been. Permit me to use this opportunity to thank the Acting Director General, Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR), his team and our development partners, DFID-Partnership to Engage, Reform and Learn (PERL) for their continued and steadfast support to the Federal Public Service reform programme, which I urge them to sustain. I now have the privilege to declare this programme closed. I wish you God speed as you journey back to your respective stations.

9. I thank you all for your attention.